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DIRECTOR

6 Oct [REDACTED]

* Results of PDC Junta meeting 3-4 Oct.
not good. Chances of another Junta now remote

1. PDC JUNTA RESULTS SUMMARIZED. [REDACTED] REF SEEM
TO HAVE CAST THE LAST DIE FOR POLITICAL SOLUTION HERE.
ONLY HOPE FOR STALEMATE WHICH WOULD PROMPT PDC RECALCITRANCE
IN CASTING VOTE FOR ALLENDE 24 OCT WOULD BE SOME UNFORESEEN
OBJECTION TO RESULTS SPECIAL COMMISSION DRAFTING SO-CALLED
"DEMOCRATIC GUARANTEES". THAT NOW HIGHLY UNLIKELY. PDC
REPS THIS COMMISSION NAMED TODAY ARE BERNARDO LEIGHTON,
FUENTEALBA AND MAIRA, EACH OF WHOM SUPPORTS PRO-ALLENDE
VOTE IN CONGRESS.

2. PDC MOTIVATION IN ENDORSING POSITION TOMIC
LEFT WING SEEMS PREDICATED ON LONG-STANDING PDC AMBITION
TO DESTROY MULTI PARTY POLITICAL CENTER SO AS TO DOMINATE
DEMOCRATIC ALTERNATIVE TO MARXISM WITH PRESENCE OF SINGLE
PARTY. PDC IS ALREADY FACED WITH FACT THAT MARXISTS ARE
TOP DOG HERE, BUT THAT SEEMS NOT TO HAVE DISSUADED THEM
FROM CONTINUING THEIR STRATEGY, EVIDENTLY FIRMLY CONVINCED

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THEY ARE ONLY SLIGHTLY PREGNANT.

3. BY ITS VOTE PDC SEEMS DETERMINED TO PURSUE DOGGED COURSE AIMED AT ACHIEVING UTTER COLLAPSE NATIONALIST PARTY, THE LEGACY OF WHOSE VOTES THEY CAN CLAIM IN BARGAINING WITH U.P. THIS ALLEGED GRASS ROOTS STRENGTH COMBINED WITH PDC ACCOMMODATION WITH U.P. WILL MAKE PDC --IN ITS OWN VIEW--DOMINANT DEMOCRATIC FORCE IN ALLENDE REGIME, OVERSHADOWING BY FAR RATHER MINOR STATUS OF RADICAL PARTY IN THAT COALITION. EVENTUALLY WHEN THE CHILEAN VOTER SEEKS AN ALTERNATIVE TO MARXISM HIS ONLY RECOURSE BY THIS STRATEGY WOULD BE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS.

4. EVEN EL MERCURIO THAT FORLORN VOICE IN THE WILDERNESS HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO SAY THIS: "... THE COMMANDING TONE IN THE JUNTA AND WHAT HAPPENED IN IT BRINGS ONE TO THE CONCLUSION THAT SENATOR DON SALVADOR ALLENDE SHOULD BE ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC BY THE CONGRESS ON THE 24TH."

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5. FROM OPS STANDPOINT WE LEFT WITH THESE CONCLUSIONS:

A. PROPAGANDA OUTSIDE COUNTRY AIMED AT INFLUENCING
PDC VOTE 24 OCT NOW CAN HAVE MARGINAL EFFECT AT BEST.

B. [REDACTED]

C. RIGHT-WING TERRORISM HAS MERITED HEADLINES AND
GENERALLY UNIVERSAL DISDAIN WITHOUT SOWING A CLIMATE OF
FEAR AS ITS AUTHORS CLEARLY EXPECTED. SHORT OF SOME
MISCALCULATION RESULTING IN BLOODSHED, CHILEANS DO
NOT SEEM DISPOSED TO BE MOVED BY THIS TACTIC. THE
ARMY HAS DISCLAIMED ITS RESPONSIBILITY FOR CONTROLLING
TERRORIST WAVE DISMISSING IT MERELY AS A RESPON-
SIBILITY FOR THE POLICE.

D. OUR TIME FOCUS MUST SHIFT, IT WOULD SEEM,
FROM 24 OCT TO THE PERIOD BETWEEN THEN AND THE [REDACTED]

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INAUGURATION AND PERHAPS EVEN BEYOND THAT.

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